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Dear Mr. Hoover:

How very thoughtful of you to write to Kirkpatrick. His morale is bound to be low and your note will give him a lift.

Fortunately he is on the mend but will require a considerable period of rehabilitation so I am afraid he will be out of action for several months. Aside from personal considerations, this is quite a loss as he was doing very well on his present job. Helms is pinch-hitting for him and I think you will find him a good understudy.

Faithfully,

W. B. Smith

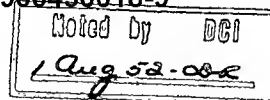
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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General Walter Bedell Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

I was very distressed to receive your message through our Liaison Agent of the illness of Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick. While at one time an illness such as his did not hold too bright a future, with the modern advances which have been made there is every hope for a speedy recovery.

I realize only too well the burdens which are thrust upon you by the unfortunate illness which has visited Mr. Kirkpatrick. I have sent him a personal note of best wishes at the hospital and I did want to let you personally know of my concern.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover".